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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED SCIATT BY FRG
MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST
CONTAINED REFTTEL.

A. THE USE OF HEROIN FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS
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PROHIBITED IN THE FRG IN APRIL 1971 BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ON THE PRESCRIPTION OF DRUGS. GERMAN PHYSICIANS CANNOT PRESCRIBE HEROIN FOR ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT INCLUDING NARCOTIC ADDICTION. A STUDY ON THE USES OF HEROIN IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES WAS UNDERTAKEN IN MARCH 1972 BY DR. LORRIN M. KORAN, US NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH. THE FRG MOH COOPERATED IN THIS STUDY.

B. THE USE OF METHADONE HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO THE NARCOTICS LAW SINCE 1953. PHYSICIANS, AT THEIR DISCRETION, MAY PRESCRIBE METHADONE FOR TREATMENT OF NARCOTIC ADDICTION. SINCE PHYSICIANS PRESCRIBE METHADONE IN THIS MANNER, THERE IS NO COMPLETE SURVEY AVAILABLE INDICATING THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS WHO USE METHADONE FOR MAINTENANCE. HOWEVER, SINCE THE VARIOUS STATES REPORT AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF METHADONE PRESCRIPTIONS AND BECAUSE OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES EXPERIENCE WITH METHADONE, THE FRG IS DRAFTING A LAW TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF METHADONE FOR NARCOTIC ADDICTION TREATMENT. IN ITS STEAD DOCTORS, HOSPITALS AND CLINICS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRESCRIBE LEVOMETHADONE UP TO A LIMIT OF 60 MG/ PATIENT/ DAY. OFFICIALS EXPECT THIS ORDINANCE TO BE IN EFFECT, ASSUMING CABINET AND LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL, BY APRIL 1974.

C. FOREIGN ADDICTS MAY BE TREATED IN THE FRG.

D. SINCE 90 PERCENT OF PERSONS ENTERING THE FRG ARE NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE VISAS, IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN ADDICTS IS DIFFICULT. IF AN ALIEN IS IDENTIFIED AS AN ADDICT HE CAN BE REFUSED ENTRY AT THE BORDER OR DEPORTED UNDER SECTIONS 10 AND 18 OF THE FOREIGN CITIZENS LAW. CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ASK VISA APPLICANTS ABOUT THEIR NARCOTIC ADDICTION. THESE OFFICERS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REJECT APPLICANTS ON THOSE GROUNDS.

E. THE PASSPORT OF AN ADDICT CAN BE WITHDRAWN ONLY IF HE ACTS AS AN INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKER. WITHDRAWAL IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE FRG TAX FRAUD STATUTES.

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